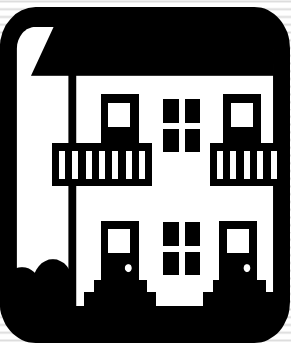


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Disability Commission Housing Work
Group Updates

Virginia Housing Registry

- ❑ The Registry will be officially rolled out at the Governor's Housing Conference, November 15-17.
 - ❑ The web address is www.accessva.org
 - ❑ The primary goal of the registry is the apartment finder. In collaboration with the National Apartment Association by using their National Accessible Apartment Clearinghouse to store information as well as allow Virginians search for apartments in other states. In addition, there will be a feature that will allow consumers who are unable to find exactly what they want to list themselves in a customer database. Then when an apartment is available that meets their criteria they will be notified. **This is a national first.**
 - ❑ The second section will offer information about universal design and fair housing. There will be accessible home plans for people planning to build a home as well as information about where to find special designs in sinks, roll in showers, appliances, etc. This link will also direct consumers who want to buy a home, to special loan offers at Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA).
 - ❑ The site has been previewed twice, with rave reviews on both occasions sparking five other states to emulate our work.
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- ❑ Finally, the third area will offer a complete listing of government resources: HUD, Fair Housing First, The Center for Universal Design, etc.



Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 Program PHA Waitlists and Prioritization Procedures

- ❑ VHDA Agreed at the last Disability Commission Housing Workgroup meeting to investigate the possibility of VHDA serving as the central agency to collect and maintain information for the public housing agencies in Virginia that administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program. VHDA is in the process of collecting the following data from each voucher agency:
 - # of Vouchers allocated to the PHA
 - # of Vouchers on the PHA waiting list
 - # of Voucher waiting list consumers that are **elderly, homeless or have a disability**
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